

Major Economic News

- According to a report from Japanese bank MUFG, Saudi Arabia is expected to continue last year's trend of being the regional outperformer in the MENA region in 2020, driven by the ongoing reforms, privatization drives and foreign investments. (Source: Argaam)
- Minister of Labor and Social Development, Ahmad Al Rajhi, issued a ministerial decree in partnership with the Emirate of Hail province, to localize several activities and professions, at rates ranging between 50% and 100%. The decree will come into effect within 90 days. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Banque Saudi Fransi signed an agreement with Baud Telecom Co. to launch an electronic signature service (Emdaa) to become the first bank to employ e-signatures in the Kingdom. (Source: Argaam)
- The Riyadh commercial court approved the financial restructuring plan submitted by Saudi Indian Company for Cooperative Insurance, as well as the list of the final claims for voting. The company indicated that it is currently difficult to estimate the related financial impact. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Vitrified Clay Pipes Co. signed a non-binding MoU with the shareholders of Advanced Piping Solutions to acquire 75% of the latter's shares for a cash consideration. Under the preliminary deal, both parties agreed to assess the equity of Advanced Piping at SAR 85mn. (Source: Argaam)
- ACWA Power signed an agreement with the Ministry of Energy of Azerbaijan for developing, building and operating a 240 MW wind power project. The power purchase agreement spans over 20 years. Further, on the sidelines of an energy event in Abu Dhabi it also announced that it is planning to invest ~USD 10bn (SAR 37.5bn) in 2020 as it eyes new projects in around 10 countries. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 2.7% to 8,345.8 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 4.6bn (up 14.7% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 193/2. The parallel market index increased 3.9% to 6,610.0 points. The value traded stood at SAR 5.2mn (down 30.0% over previous day). All sectors in the main market ended in the green. Food & Staples and Pharma & Bio Tech (up 4.5% and 3.8%, respectively) advanced the most.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
HCC	12.32	10.0
SHARQIYAH DEV	54.20	9.8
EPCCO	38.30	9.4
UACC	22.50	8.7
NORTHERN CEM	11.92	7.8

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
JARIR	166.80	-0.7
EXTRA	75.00	-0.3

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,346	8,346	8,226	2.7	(0.5)
NomuC	6,610	6,629	6,430	3.9	(7.9)

TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,399	2.5	(0.8)	18.9
Materials	5,115	3.1	(1.0)	35.1
Capital Goods	4,409	2.6	1.8	-11.8
Commercial Service	4,592	1.6	(3.8)	18.5
Transportation	4,414	2.8	0.4	21.1
Consumer Durables	3,498	2.1	(0.2)	-45.7
Consumer Services	3,998	2.9	1.0	38.3
Media	9,089	3.4	(3.3)	34.6
Retailing	7,705	0.3	0.1	32.9
Food & Staples	7,096	4.5	7.3	218.9
Food & Beverages	4,334	2.3	(0.5)	234.0
Healthcare	3,671	2.0	(1.6)	24.9
Pharma & Bio Tech	3,628	3.8	0.9	-22.2
Banks	8,119	3.1	0.1	14.2
Diversified Financials	3,344	2.3	1.2	608.0
Insurance	4,463	2.1	(1.1)	-286.7
Telecom	6,396	2.1	(1.2)	20.2
Utilities	4,355	1.2	(1.0)	-68.5
REITs	4,178	1.6	(0.5)	20.5
Real Estate	3,050	2.4	(2.6)	75.2
Software & Services	5,222	2.2	5.9	NA

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,214	8,297	8,287	3.91

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	20.6	821.7	879.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	65.80	2.3
Saudi Aramco	35.00	2.3
NCB	48.20	4.1
SABIC	92.00	1.7
STC	99.30	1.8

Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 1.3% and 1.1%, respectively. Egypt, Kuwait and Qatar rose 1.4%, 1.3% and 1.0%, respectively. Oman and Bahrain gained 0.8% each.
- According to Baker-Hughes, the rig count in North America rose considerably to 984 in the week ended January 10 from 881 a week prior. The count in the US fell to 781 from 796 and to 21 from 22 in the Gulf of Mexico. The count surged to 203 in Canada from 85 a week prior. (Source: Econoday)
- US initial jobless claims dropped for 4th week in a row to 214,000 (down by 9,000) suggesting continued strength in the US labor market. Economists had expected claims to dip to 219,000. (Source: Econoday)
- Eurozone jobless rate was unchanged M/M at 7.5% in November (in line with consensus), remaining at lowest level since 2008. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices dropped 0.6% on Friday as tensions between US-Iran ease and also unexpected rise in US inventories led to the fall.
- Gold prices rose 0.6% on Friday, posting its third weekly gain amid ongoing concerns over US-Iran tensions. A subdued dollar also supported the rise.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	97.4	-0.1	1.0	1.0
Euro	1.11	0.1	-0.8	-0.8
Japanese Yen	109.5	0.0	0.8	0.8
Sterling Pound	1.31	0.0	-1.5	-1.5
Chinese Yuan	6.92	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6
Indian Rupee	71.0	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.1	0.1
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.95	0.0	-0.3	-0.3

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
12 nd Jan	SIIG	Cash Dividend Distribution
12 nd Jan	Bahri	OGM
14 th Jan	NCLE	Cash Dividend Distribution
19 th Jan	Wafa Insurance	OGM
20 th Jan	Sharqiya Dev Co.	EGM
20 th Jan	Ataa Educational	EGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting
*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,749	1.3	-0.6	-0.6	6.8
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,076	1.1	0.0	0.0	12.9
Kuwait (KSE)	4,846	1.3	-1.3	-1.3	11.0
Qatar (QE)	10,444	1.0	0.2	0.2	14.5
Oman (MSM)	3,977	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	8.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,597	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	11.0
Egypt (EGX30)	13,730	1.4	-1.7	-1.7	9.7

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	28,824	-0.5	1.0	1.0	21.1
Nasdaq	8,967	-0.3	2.7	2.7	29.1
S&P 500	3,265	-0.3	1.1	1.1	23.5
FTSE 100	7,588	-0.1	0.6	0.6	15.9
Germany DAX 30	13,483	-0.1	1.8	1.8	18.1
France CAC 40	6,037	-0.1	1.0	1.0	19.9
Japan Nikkei 225	23,851	0.5	0.8	0.8	18.8
Hong Kong Hang Seng	28,638	0.3	1.6	1.6	11.5
China Shanghai Composite	3,092	-0.1	1.4	1.4	12.3
Australia ASX 200	6,929	0.8	3.7	3.7	18.0
India Sensex	41,600	0.4	0.8	0.8	23.3

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	68.9	-0.6	0.1	0.1
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	65.0	-0.6	-1.5	-1.5
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	59.0	-0.9	-3.5	-3.5
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.20	1.7	0.6	0.6
Gold (\$/oz)	1,562	0.6	3.0	3.0
Silver (\$/oz)	18.1	1.1	1.5	1.5
Steel (\$/ton)	584	0.5	-0.7	-0.7
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	727	-0.4	4.5	4.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	565	0.4	1.0	1.0
Corn (\$/bu)	386	0.7	-0.5	-0.5
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.1	2.6	4.8	4.8
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,550	0.0	-0.8	-0.8

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	1.848	0.0	-6.1	-6.1
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	2.227	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
UAE (EIBOR)	2.093	-6.1	-11.5	-11.5
Qatar (QIBOR)	2.304	-1.7	5.4	5.4
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.667	0.0	0.0	0.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters
*Three-month Interbank rate **NA: Not Available
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